

13. [New] A master information carrier comprising a non-magnetic substrate on which a ferromagnetic film is disposed with an embossed pattern of master information, protrusions of said embossed pattern corresponding to a disposition of digital information signals to be recorded on a magnetic recording medium, wherein recessed portions of said embossed pattern are filled with a non-magnetic solid material.

14. [New] A master information carrier comprising: a non-magnetic substrate having an embossed pattern of master information, recessed portions of said embossed pattern corresponding to a disposition of digital information signals to be recorded on a magnetic recording medium; and a ferromagnetic film filled in recessed portions of said embossed pattern.

#### REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

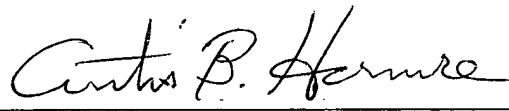
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